

[English]

Pending Cases in Kerala High Court

2516. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in the Kerala High Court for more than five years, and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for expeditious disposal of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAL-MANGALAM): (a) As on 22.11.1991, the number of cases pending in the Kerala High Court for more than five years was 1717. Of these 27 cases had been stayed by the Supreme Court.

(b) The Registrar, High Court has informed that all possible steps have been taken to expedite disposal of these cases.

Performance of Apex Cooperative Banks

2517. SHRI HARISH PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Apex Co-operative Banks and the branches of each bank along with the names of the places where they are located;

(b) the total amount of deposits and loans advanced by each Apex Bank;

(c) the profit or loss earned by each

Apex Bank during each of the last three years; and

(d) the reasons for the losses, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As on 30th June 1990 there were 28 State Cooperative Banks (SCBs) and 19 State Land Development Banks (SLDBs) in the country. The names of SCBs and the number of their branches are given in Statement—I. The SLDBs function through 728 Primary Land Development Banks (PLDBs) and their 1001 branches. The SCBs have 634 branches. As regards furnishing information on the places where the branches of SCBs, SLDBs and PLDBs are located, the efforts involved would not be commensurate with the results to be achieved.

(b) Deposits/Loans advanced by SCBs as on 30.6.1990 and by SLDBs during the year 1989-90 are given in Statement II & III respectively.

(c) Information regarding profit earned and loss incurred by each of the SCBs during the last three years namely 1988, 1989 & 1990 and in respect of SLDBs for the years 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 is given in Statement IV & V.

(d) It may be seen from Annexure IV that only the West Bengal State Cooperative Bank and the Assam State Cooperative Bank had incurred losses during the year 1988. The position of both the banks improved during 1989 and 1990. The losses of the two banks in 1988 could be attributed to low level of income compared to the cost of management. As regards the Assam State Cooperative Bank, the Bank is also afflicted by high level of overdoes both under principal and interest.

The important reasons for the losses of